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Dear Congressman, Wenstrup,

I am writing to express my urgent concerns regarding the critical need for funding for the Wellston Water Treatment Plant Project in your district. As the lead engineer overseeing this project, I am deeply committed to ensuring the health and safety of the residents of Wellston and surrounding areas. However, the current state of the water treatment infrastructure in Wellston poses significant risks to public health and the environment, necessitating immediate action.

The existing North and South water treatment plants in Wellston have been plagued by ongoing violations issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over several years. These violations are indicative of failing infrastructure, inadequate treatment processes, and non-compliance with water quality standards. The situation is dire, with the capacity limitations and water quality issues of these plants posing serious health risks to the residents who depend on them for clean drinking water.

To address these pressing concerns, our engineering team has developed a comprehensive plan to consolidate the two failing plants into a single, centralized Water Treatment Plant (WTP). This project is not only imperative for ensuring the delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to the community but also for achieving compliance with regulatory standards set forth by the Ohio EPA.

However, the successful implementation of this project is contingent upon securing sufficient funding. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting your support in advocating for congressionally directed spending funding to support the Wellston Water Treatment Plant Project. The allocation of federal funds toward this critical infrastructure project is essential to safeguarding public health, protecting the environment, and ensuring the long-term viability of the water supply system in Wellston.

As our representative in Congress, your assistance in securing funding for this vital project would have a profound impact on the well-being of our community. I am more than willing to provide any additional information or clarification you may require regarding the project and its funding needs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Congressman Wenstrup. I look forward to your support and collaboration in addressing the urgent water infrastructure needs of the Wellston community.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Silcott Jr., P.E.
Associate Vice President



General Mills Wellston Plant
2403 South Pennsylvania Ave
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Subject: Support for the Wellston Water Storage and Line Replacement Project

From: Carolyn Mendel, Wellston Plant Manager

Dear Committee,

I'm writing to offer, on behalf of General Mills, my full support of the Wellston Water Storage and Line Replacement Project.

The General Mills Wellston Plant is the sole producer of Totino's Party Pizza and Pizza Rolls employing more than 900 team members.

Given recent shifts in consumer trends and high demand for value brands like Totino's, we expect to operate at full capacity throughout the remainder of the year. Our success depends greatly on reliable utilities including the potable water supply.

In today's environment, we are taking extraordinary measures to service the business, and every case matters. We can't afford a gap in water supply to create a barrier to our operation this coming year or in the future.

We are appreciative of the open relationship we have with the City of Wellston, and we share their concerns regarding the state of the water storage vessel. We look forward to the benefits of the project, which include a softer water source for our boilers and condensers, as well as a backup water supply for plant production.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss in greater detail. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Mendel



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Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of securing funding for the Wellston Water Treatment Plant Project in our city. As the Mayor of Wellston, I am deeply concerned about the deteriorating state of our water treatment infrastructure and the significant impact it has on the health and well-being of our residents.

Over the past several years, the existing North and South water treatment plants in Wellston have received numerous violations from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) due to failing infrastructure and non-compliance with water quality standards. These violations are a clear indication of the urgent need for action to address the deficiencies in our water treatment system.

The proposed solution to consolidate the two failing plants into a single, centralized Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is crucial for ensuring the delivery of safe and clean drinking water to our community. However, the successful completion of this project hinges on securing adequate funding to support its implementation.

Therefore, I am urging you to support our efforts to obtain congressionally directed spending funding for the Wellston Water Treatment Plant Project. The allocation of federal funds toward this project is vital for protecting the health and safety of our residents, ensuring compliance with regulatory standards, and revitalizing our aging water infrastructure.

As our representative in Congress, your advocacy and support in securing funding for this critical project would be greatly appreciated. I am available to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding the project and its funding requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Congressman Wenstrup. I look forward to working together to address the urgent water infrastructure needs of the City of Wellston.

Sincerely,

Anthony Brenner, Mayor of Wellston